

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

DECEMBER 2014

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Calendar of Events

All Membership meetings
held at the Lido Beach
Resort

8th Floor, 10:00 am on the
3rd Saturday of the month

Upcoming Meetings:

January 17

(Annual Breakfast Meeting)

February 21

March 21

April 18

“Meet and Greet”

Island Neighbors

Happy Hours

5 p.m.—7 p.m.

LOCATIONS TBD

January 15

February 19

March—Sunset Party

April 16

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all

I would like to welcome back Lido Key Resident Association members and all the ones who will be returning in the upcoming weeks as season seems to have started early this year (wonder if it has anything to with the weather in other parts of the country). The weather here, for the most part, has been beautiful and will only be more inviting as winter sets in (Being a full time resident I am very biased). It has been a few months since our last newsletter and, to say the least, it has been extremely busy with many important issues concerning Lido Key. I would like to provide everyone an update on the current status of them.

First and foremost is the beach renourishment (Debbie Project) that is going to start very soon. The City put out an Invitation to Bid for contractors who were capable of doing the project. The public bid opening by the City was extended to Friday, December 12th. Once the bids are opened, City staff will review them and hopefully it will be a short time for them to award the contract. Alex Davis-Shaw (City engineer) did a presentation at our last member meeting regarding the process of this project. The City wants the contractor who is awarded the job to be mobilized by the middle of January and be completed before turtle season starts (May 1st). Hopefully, as we are having our annual breakfast meeting (January 17th) we will see the project beginning.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**CONT'D**

The Army Corps of Engineering 50 year Project is moving forward. As of now, the City engineer's staff is trying to secure easements from the Condos and Hotels on the beach so the ACE will be able to have access to their properties so they can replenish the sand over the course of the life of the project. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday December 15th with all affected parties. This is another step in the process. John Kirker, Pat Nicosia (president of the LKRA Condo Association) and I, along with many of our residents, have been working over the last few years going to the County and City commission meetings, budget meetings, and all the public meetings with the Army Corps of Engineering. I want to personally thank everyone for their support on this extremely important issue. As this project moves forward, we will keep you informed regarding scheduled meetings and any pertinent information that comes out.

In November the city received several proposals by interested parties for the ITN (Invitation to Negotiate) regarding the Lido Pool/Pavilion renovation. The proposals are currently under review by City staff and they should have some news for us shortly.

Some other projects on Lido have happened recently. A few of our streets have been repaved (very much needed). A new condo projected has started on 129 Taft Dr., as well as several new houses.

Recently, several LKRA Board Members have indicated to me they will be stepping down. We have been asking for other members to step up and I am happy to report that we have had some people interest in possibly coming on board. Mary Moss will be letting everyone know at the January meeting who is interested in serving, along who is up for reelection.

WHEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEW!!!!

That was a lot of information on the serious side of things. Now let's talk fun stuff. First, I hope everyone can attend the January breakfast meeting on January 17th. We have the City Manager tentatively scheduled to give a presentation on the state of the City of Sarasota. **PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ATTACHED BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM BY JANUARY 8TH IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**CONT'D**

We have had two new City commissioners appointed - Eileen Normile (our district representative) and Stan Zimmerman (district three). Two new County commissioners have been elected - Paul Caragiulo (our district representative) and Al Maio (Siesta Key representative). Paul replaces Joe Barbetta as our county commissioner and hopefully he will represent us as well as Joe did. The very successful Meet and Greets will start back in January as well as the LKRA Sunset party in the spring.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who is a member that makes this a great Association. When attending other community and city board meetings I am extremely proud to say I am the President of the Lido Key Residents Association. I enjoy telling everyone how many members we have. I don't know of any other neighborhood that has as many active members as we do.

I wish everyone and your families a Very Happy and Safe Holiday.

Hope to see you soon.

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UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS**BETH DILWORTH**

JANUARY 2015	TOM BARWIN, CITY MANAGER
FEBRUARY 2015	CITY COMMISSION CANDIDATES FORUM
MARCH 2015	KARIN MURPHY, URBAN DESIGN STUDIO
APRIL 2015	OPEN

MEMBERSHIP**BETH DILWORTH**

Official 2015 membership starts on January 1st. Many of you have already paid. If you are unsure of your current status, contact us for an update. **THE YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$20.** The 2015 membership application is at the end of this newsletter.

When filling out your application, write legibly and fill out all the blanks. Please put your condo number with your street address. **Please provide your email address in order to receive our regular updates and notifications of things pertaining to Lido Key.** You can have additional email addresses if a husband and wife both have their own emails.

Let's make 2015 a record year for membership.

CCNA**CAMILLE SCHWABE**

Membership once again organized a Holiday Party for the December meeting. All kinds of goodies were present from Homemade Ginger Cookies and Chicken Salad to our very own Cindy Shoffstall's infamous Perogie's. With the party on the agenda no one had much else to say so I sat with our neighbor Kevin Bales to get the scoop from the St. Armand Resident Association. He reported that 20 volunteers from the Association decorated the tree this year in a record breaking 2 hours vs. 3 days from past years there was a big crowd but not as big as Halloween. A Special Event restriction has been passed on the circle that will prevent events during the months Jan. –April starting in 2015. Which leads to another issue that is being studied parking. A new study is in place to determine placement of garages 3 – 4 stories on one or both of the current parking lots. The St. Armand residents are supporting the Debbie and Army Core Beach Re-nourishment 100%. Bids on the Debbie Project are out and some one

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2015 LKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2015 DUES: \$20.00 Annually Per Household

PLEASE PRINT:

Member Name: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

Condo (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Lido Key Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #1: _____ **Phone #2:** _____

If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please check your choice below.

- Membership Condo Liaison Special Events Program
- Newsletter Directory Traffic & Safety By-Laws
- Finance & Audit Committee Parks/Beautification Beach Renourishment

Thank you – You Will Be Contacted

Have a question? Call Carl Shoffstall at 813-967-2687. Send Membership Form and Check to Address Below. Memberships Meetings are held the Third Saturday in the months of November, January, February, March and April.

RETURN FORM TO:

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 884, SARASOTA, FL 34230



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MISSION STATEMENT: WE SEEK TO FOSTER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AMONG OUR RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON LIDO KEY FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND OUR MANY VISITORS.

**LKRA
ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2015
LIDO BEACH RESORT 8TH FLOOR
BREAKFAST STARTS AT 9:00 AM
SPEAKER - TOM BARWIN, CITY MANAGER, WILL START
AT 9:50 AM
\$17.00 per person - please pay in advance**

RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

NUMBER FOR BREAKFAST _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

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DEADLINE IS JANUARY 9, 2015